



31<sup>th</sup> May 2022

Deputy Jennifer Murnane O'Connor, TD  
Dáil Eireann  
Kildare Street  
Dublin 2.

**Re PQ: 25187/22**

To ask the Minister for Health the estimated full-year cost to ensure the availability of timely access for domestic violence supports for women through their general practitioner.

Dear Deputy,

I refer to your above Parliamentary Question which had been referred by the Minister for Health to the Health Service Executive for direct response.

The HSE National Social Inclusion Office has funded The Irish College of General Practitioners, the professional and educational body for Irish GPs, to develop a new guide on management of domestic violence in general practice to help GPs to recognise abuse and advise patients. The guide helps GPs recognise and act on the indicators of domestic violence abuse (DVA). The Guide was launched by the Minister for Justice, Helen McEntee TD on the 18th of May, 2022. The aims of the DVA Quick Reference Guide are to:

Improve the awareness and recognition of domestic abuse - highlight the risk factors for, and presentations of, domestic abuse in primary care -illustrate how to respond to a disclosure of domestic abuse with empathy and understanding -assess someone's immediate safety - advise on the appropriate referral options and supports for patients who disclose -inform GPs on legal issues and reporting requirements

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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